

John Van Buren to Salmon P Chase.

February 23, 1849

My Dear Sir,

I cannot deny myself the pleasure of saying to you how delighted we all are with the news received last night by telegraph of your election to the Senate. We have been watching, hoping, and praying, but hardly dared promise ourselves such a fortunate result- You will find in King, Giddings, Wilmot, Root, Allen of Mass, and Strong in _____ in the House, and I hope _____ with Mr. Benton in the Senate--- Allen of Mass. I _____ you do not know-he is one of the ablest and best men in the country. Please remember me to Taylor and tell him my engagements during the campaign _____ accommodation and _____ my _____ so that it is impossible for me to write letters and show him this hasty _____ in proof.

Truly Yours,

John Van Buren

New York February 23, 1849